

**THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
ASHEVILLE DIVISION  
CRIMINAL CASE NO. 1:19-cr-00087-MR-WCM-1**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

**Plaintiff,**

**vs.**

**SHYLEEK VYSHONNE DAVIDSON,**

**Defendant.**

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**ORDER**

**THIS MATTER** is before the Court on the Defendant's letter, which the Court construes as a motion for the production of a sentencing transcript at the government's expense [Doc. 103].

The Defendant pleaded guilty pursuant to a written agreement to one count of Hobbs Act robbery, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1951(a), and using a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A)(ii). [Doc. 56]. The Defendant was sentenced on June 22, 2020 to a total term of 120 months' imprisonment. [Doc. 97]. The Defendant did not file a direct appeal.


The Defendant now requests a copy of his sentencing transcript at the government's expense. [Doc. 103]. For grounds, the Defendant states that he is "trying to file a [28 U.S.C. §] 2255 motion." [Id. at 1].

The Defendant has failed to demonstrate a particularized need for the requested documents. See United States v. MacCollom, 426 U.S. 317, 326-27 (1976) (holding that federal inmates are not entitled to transcripts at government expense absent some showing of a particularized need); Jones v. Superintendent, Va. State Farm, 460 F.2d 150, 152 (4<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1972) (“[A]n indigent is not entitled to a transcript at government expense without a showing of the need, merely to comb the record in the hope of discovering some flaw.”) (citation omitted). Having failed to demonstrate a particularized need for the requested documents, the Defendant’s motion must be denied.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that the Defendant’s letter, which the Court construes as a motion for the production of a sentencing transcript at the government’s expense [Doc. 103], is **DENIED**.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Signed: May 24, 2021

  
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Martin Reidinger  
Chief United States District Judge

